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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS MEETING

REFERENCE: STATE 227045, MEXICO V518

1. SINCE SOME POSTS PREFER TO HOLD ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS MEETING IN SPRING OR LATER, RATHER THAN LATE FEBRUARY AS PROPOSED BY MEXICO CITY, WE SUGGEST THAT ALTERNATIVE FIRM DATE BE SELECTED TO COINCIDE WITH A LATER TRADE CENTER EXHIBIT. DEPARTMENT'S COST-SHARING OFFER TIED TO FY 76 FUNDS, HOWEVER, WHICH MUST BE ALLOCATED BEFORE JUNE 30. (FIFTH QUARTER AND FY 77 BUDGET AVAILABILITIES NOT YET KNOWN.)

2. TO PIN DOWN SCHEDULE SO THAT PLANNING CAN PROCEED, WE
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SUGGEST MEETING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 14,

WHEN MCTC HOLDS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION. THIS
TIMING IS NOT ONLY A COMPROMISE AMONG VARIOUS VIEWS
RECORDED BUT WOULD ALSO ALLOW GREATER CHANCE FOR WASHINGTON
PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

3. FOR MEXICO CITY: PLEASE CABLE WHETHER SUGGESTED JUNE
MEETING DATES ACCEPTABLE.

4. OTHER POSTS: IF MEXICO CITY AGREES TO SUGGESTED TIM-
ING, PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU ALSO CONCUR. KISSINGER

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